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TOPIC Crash Landing of a MiG-15 near Trebsen

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1. On 28 August 1951 [REDACTED] a MiG-15 flying at a very low altitude near Trebsen (N 52/E 51). The plane quickly lost altitude and suddenly touched ground, and stopped. The right landing gear strut had broken off and was lying about 100 meters from the plane. [REDACTED] approached the plane and noticed that the pilot was unconscious. When the pilot regained consciousness, he slid back the roof of his cockpit. The engine was still running. The right-hand auxiliary fuel tank had come off. The other planes of the formation flew circles over the crashed aircraft. They apparently notified Brandis airfield, as two officers appeared after a time.

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- a. The pilot was about 22 years of age, wore a shirt, undershirt, leather jacket, trousers tucked in boots and leather gloves. The pilot wore no rank insignia but carried a small officers pistol. No parachute was seen. Between the pilot seat and the back of his seat there was a slit. The pilot seat was covered with leather. *
- b. The control stick was about 3 cm in diameter. Its upper end was slightly bent to the rear and was provided with a simple lever. All the instruments were fitted below the wind shield.
- c. The jet engine could not be seen. The air intake was subdivided by a vertical partition wall. The two sections of the air intake tapered to the rear.
- d. Directly above the air intake there was a circular hole about 4 cm in diameter. The hole was covered by some sort of gauze. **
- e. Two cannons of at least 20-mm were observed below the air intake to the left. The upper barrel projected beyond the fuselage by about 40 cm; the lower barrel by about 30 cm. ***
- f. The only antenna seen was suspended from the tip of the rudder assembly to a point aft of the cabin so that it was not touched by the sliding roof.
- g. An auxiliary fuel tank was fitted on the first third of each wing. The

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tanks were in-line with the leading and trailing edges of the wing, about 150 cm long and their largest diameter was about 45 cm.

3. The following day, the plane was removed. A specially designed truck carried the fuselage which had been covered by fabric, and another truck carried the dismantled wings.

25X1C [REDACTED] Comment: MiG-15s are fitted with pilot ejector seats. The parachute is stored under the seat or behind the back of the pilot seat so that it could not possibly be seen by source.

25X1C [REDACTED] Comment. This hole may have been the recess for the camera gun. The frame [REDACTED] probably was a cover protecting the lens system of the camera. 25X1C

25X1C [REDACTED] Comment. It is surprising that the 37-mm cannon mounted under the fuselage should not have been observed.

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